

RELATIONSHIPS GROW
leaders emerge
COMMUNITIES CHANGE



Project
Transformation
Indiana

2020-
2021
Impact
Report



Mission

To transform communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships.

Vision

We envision a world that is rooted in love, pursues the equity of all people, and amplifies God's call on every life.

Strategy

In a collaborative model of ministry, Project Transformation harnesses the energy of children and young adults, the resources of churches, and the strength of local communities to cultivate a space for transformation.



NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Friends,

Project Transformation has been an integral part of my life for the past 7 years, ever since I served my first internship with PT Tennessee after my freshman year of college. I quickly fell in love with the organization and ultimately leaned into the calling that God had placed on my life to start a new chapter back home in Indiana. My experience at Project Transformation and the people who surrounded me allowed me to gain knowledge and experience in nonprofit work, and ultimately discern the area of work that I feel most passionate about.

I have felt for a while now that God's calling for my life has been shifting, and I was able to find clarity and peace this year with the decision to find a position that further hones my skills in development and fundraising work. I am very confident that this is the right next step for Project Transformation and bringing in someone new with different experiences and new ideas will launch PT into a new phase of ministry.

Project Transformation Indiana is where it is today, not because of me, but because of God's vision and your support. While I am sad to say goodbye, I am excited for the next chapter of my career and I can't wait to see the incredible ways PT will grow in its next chapter. I will always remain a faithful supporter of Project Transformation, and I hope you will too.

SARAH FUQUAY

Executive Director 2018-2021

PT Supporters,

The last two years have challenged us all in many ways. Summer 2020 and 2021 looked very different at PT, as we found new ways to carry out our mission safely. We are grateful to have such steadfast supporters that continue to give their time, talent, and gifts as we adapted our program to pandemic times.

This next year will be an exciting time for PT Indiana, as we return to a full in-person program next summer (hopefully). We also will transition from our founding Executive Director to a new Executive Director to continue building relationships between churches, young adults, and children in Indianapolis. These past two years reminded us of God's faithfulness and we are eager to see God's work in PT's next chapter.

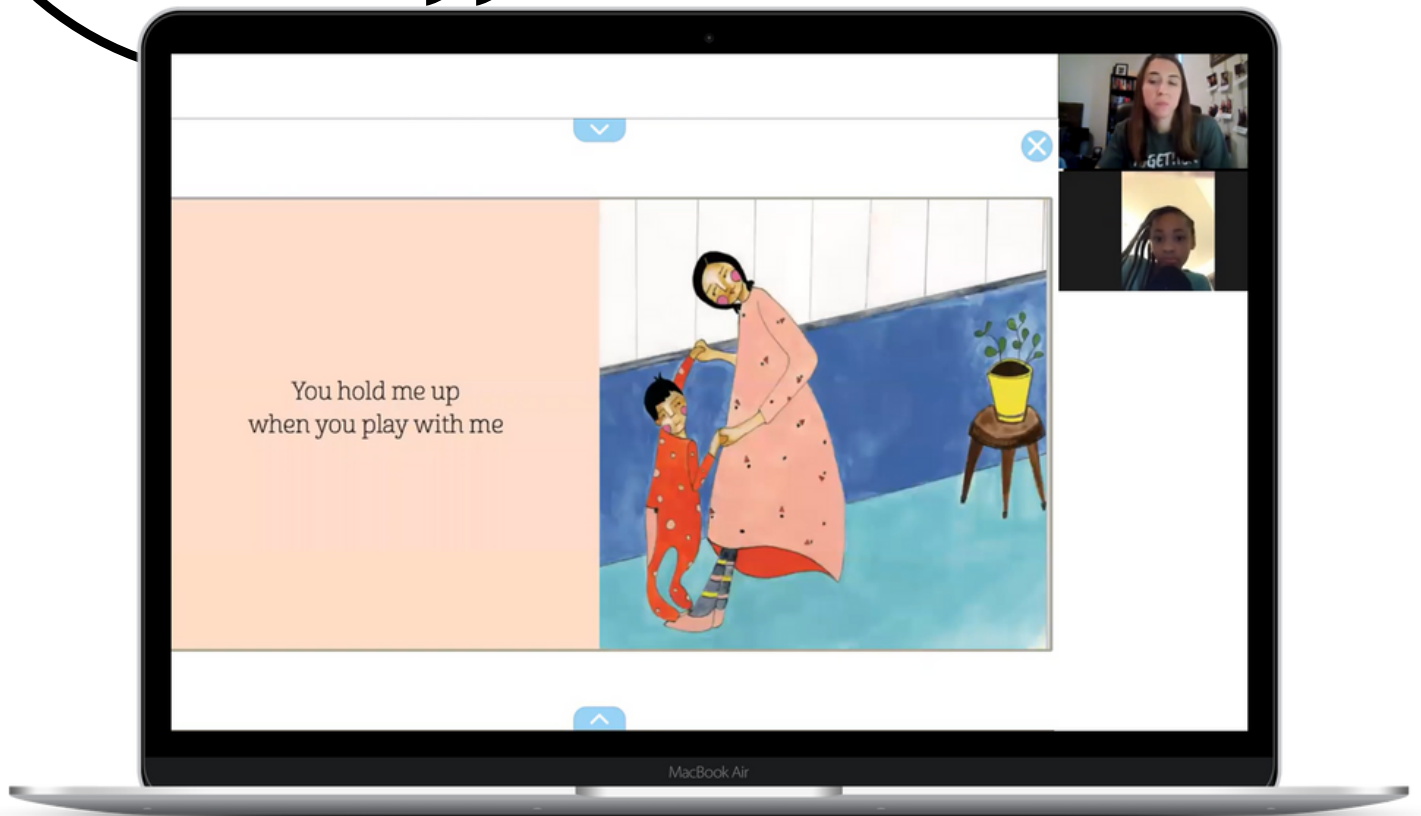
ALLISON GALLOWAY

Program Director



VIRTUAL READING

“My favorite thing about reading is that you can retell (the story) to someone, it's nice to share the parts you like about it.”
- Faith, Virtual Reading Participant



During the 2020-21 school year, we took our reading program virtual for the first time ever! Knowing children were facing increased academic and social challenges due to COVID-19, a group of dedicated volunteers stepped up to meet kids on Zoom weekly. They connected over online books shared on the screen (like in the picture above). We loved seeing kids log on from a phone while riding in the car or when their device only had 10% battery left, so they wouldn't miss time with their volunteer!

5 volunteers
provided encouragement
and connection

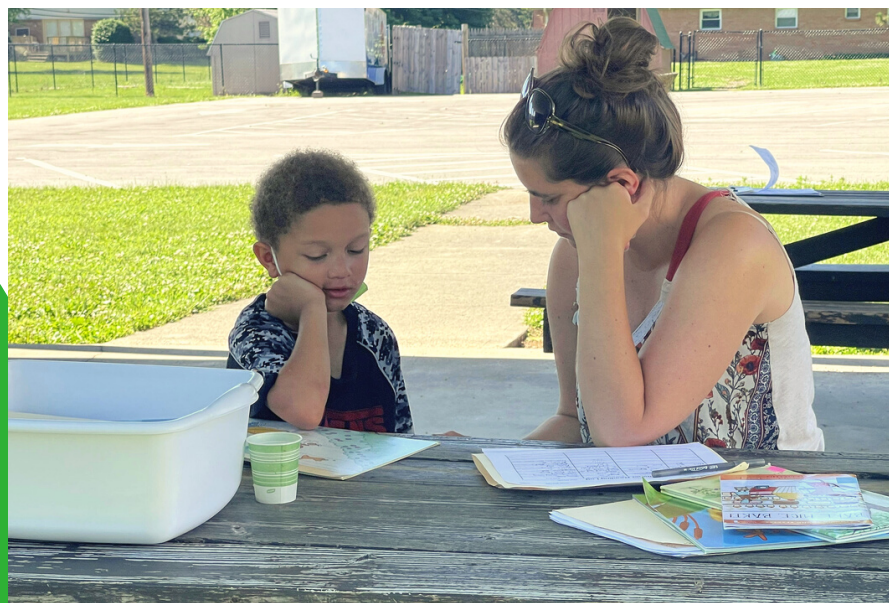
15 hours spent
practicing reading and
building relationships

After a summer and school year of virtual programming, what a joy it was to host an in-person program again! Of course, this summer still required quite a bit of flexibility and adjustment. We continued to partner with North United Methodist Church and Cumberland United Methodist Church as host churches. Due to renovations taking place, North UMC was unable to host a daily program but invited families from previous Project Transformation summers to a Family Fun Night for continued relationship-building. As a part of their reopening plan, Cumberland UMC hosted a program similar to past summers in structure, but with a smaller group of children and young adults for everyone's safety.



“Please come back next year! Hopefully, all will be back to normal although my child did enjoy the smaller group.”
- Parent

SUMMER
2021



Children

13

elementary-age
kids supported

100%

maintained or
improved their
reading level

331

books read

700

healthy meals
served

89%

are more
confident that
they can learn to
be a good reader



“ My favorite
thing is meeting
new people and
making friends.
- Participant,
Grade 4 ”

Our 7-week summer program
supports children's holistic
development, focusing on
literacy and social-emotional
skills in a fun, relational
environment.



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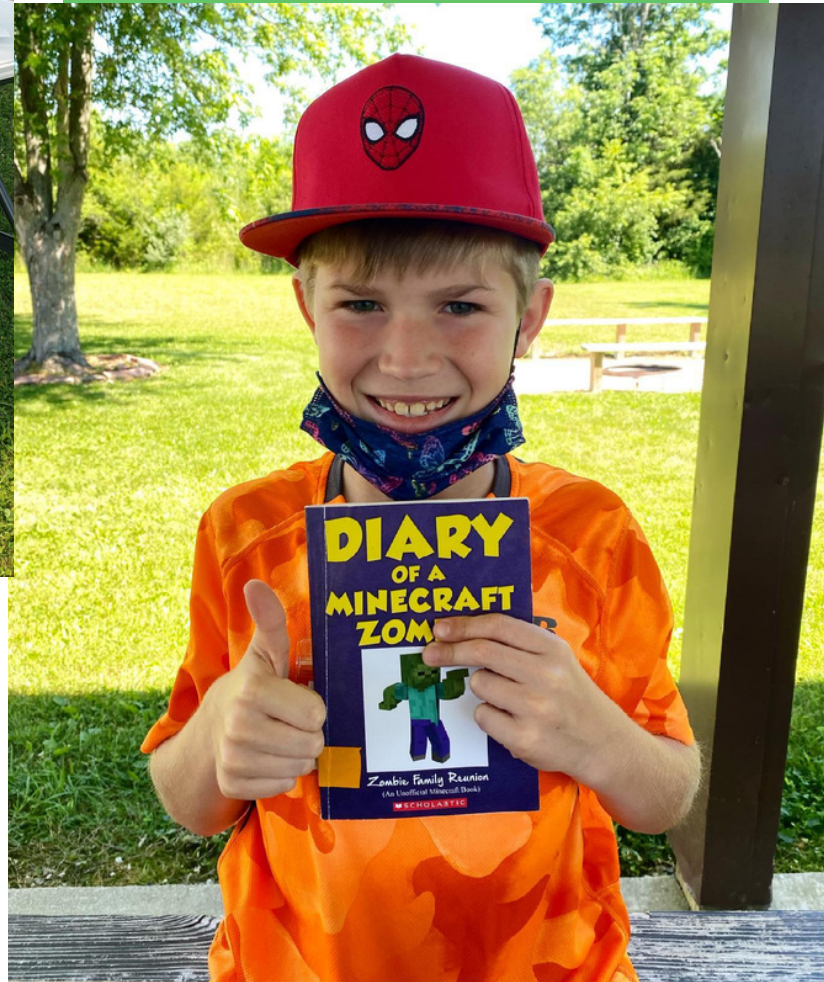
backpacks full of books &
school supplies distributed



Cumberland United Methodist Church and North United Methodist Church each hosted a Family Fun Night this summer, inviting the congregation, families and community for an evening of food and fellowship.



It's always a great day when
you finish a chapter book!



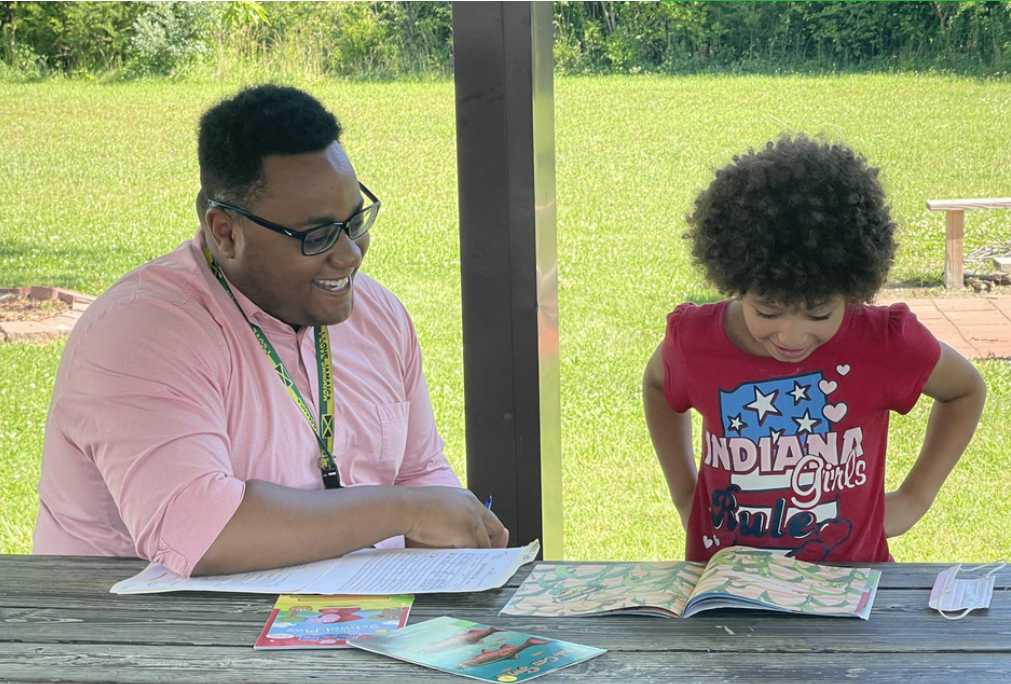
VOLUNTEERS

23

**volunteers supported
our summer program**

107
**hours spent
reading together**

8
**meals shared
with interns**



"When one of the students took a moment to thank me for volunteering with him in the reading sessions, it was clear that they had meant a great deal to him. He confided that he has been living in a foster home for some time. Although I didn't get the details of his situation, I don't doubt that he has been through some turbulent times, especially for someone his age. I had the sense that his participation in PT was an important part of his understanding that many people care about him and want a better future for him." - 2021 Volunteer



Our young adults gain hands-on experience leading the children's program, while engaging in intentional Christian community and vocational discernment opportunities for their own development.

At the end of the summer,
every young adult reported they:

- knew more about their gifts and unique vocation
- better understood how their faith is connected to their work
- felt more confident building healthy relationships with those from different racial-ethnic groups or sexual orientations
- grew in their knowledge of servant leadership



Young Adults

6

**young adult leaders
from 5 different
colleges**

1,460

hours served

"The most important lesson I learned from the PT kids is to appreciate the small things. As I got older, I started looking at only the larger things. After seeing kids happy to receive a hug, make stickers or pick a prize from the box, it made me appreciate those 'little' things more. Life is all about appreciation and being grateful, no matter how big or small.

- 2021 Intern



THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all who have invested their time, treasure, and talent in this ministry throughout this year. The last two years have presented new challenges and we appreciate everyone for their continued support as we adapted.

The 137 individuals or families who provided financial support

Young Adults

Anne Taylor
Brittany Marks
Josh Totten
Neema Morris
Stephanie Smith
Veronica Bryant
Madison Schueler, Summer Staff

The 11 volunteers who shared a meal with the young adults

Board of Directors

Jill Lyday
Kristen Kepler
LaNisha Clark
Marsha Reynolds
Mindie Moore
Tom Lange

Host & Partner Churches

Cumberland United Methodist Church
Meridian Street United Methodist Church
North United Methodist Church
Plainfield United Methodist Church

The 17 children who participated in our virtual reading and in-person programs

Community Partners

Indianapolis Public Library
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Marion County Commission on Youth
Project Transformation National
Warren Township School Food Program

The 20 volunteers who read with children virtually or in-person

*"I was impacted not only by the kids but also the unique experience of being with people who are different and similar to myself. I am more grateful for what I have and God's work in the community now."
- 2021 Intern*

2020-2021 ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW



Staff

Allison Galloway, Program Director
Sarah Fuquay, Executive Director
(January 2018–July 2021)

EXPENSES: \$148,548

75% Program
25% Admin & Development

REVENUE: \$153,675

70% Individuals
25% Grants & Foundations
5% Organizations



"I was super excited to give each of the kids their own spider plant. I received my first one in first grade as a tradition of sharing growth and connecting people. Being able to pass down the tradition to my kids this summer was my chance to connect people and share the growth, hoping they can do the same in the future." - 2021 Intern

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